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Street Beat to sponsor Talent Extravaganza 2000

Street Beat, Inc. and the Glades Campus of Palm Beach Community College will present "Talent Extravaganza 2000" on Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center at 7 p.m.

This event will showcase performances in music (drums and recorder), dance, and gospel by youth of the Glades.

Advance tickets are available at Street Beat, 103 N.W. 10th Avenue, South Bay, or by calling 983-9916. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Special group rates are also available.

New date on Chamber Golf Tournament

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a golf tournament on Saturday, June 12 at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

First place team will win \$80 gift certificate, the second place team will win a \$60 gift certificate and the third place team will win a \$40 gift certificate.

Entry fees are \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. Sponsorship cards and tee shirts are available by calling Chamber Executive Director Danielle Pennel at 986-2745.

Spay Shuttle to dock in the Glades

The Spay Shuttle, Palm Beach County's only mobile spay/neuter clinic for dogs and cats, will be the Glades Plaza, Avenue E and State Road 7 in Belle Glade on May 13-15.

The Spay Shuttle will be located at Foodland Grocery, 409 E. Main Street in Pahokee on May 19 through May 22. It will then travel to South Bay at 730 Martin Luther King Blvd. and N.W. 8th Avenue May 26 through May 28.

Low income residents living in Palm Beach County can qualify to have their dogs and cats spayed or neutered for only \$10. A rabies vaccination and county license tag are included. Proof of residency and income may be required. Citizens on public assistance programs are eligible to have the fee waived when proof is provided. Residents should have their animals on a leash.

For more information call 983-7729.

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Belle Glade man held at gunpoint after he interrupts robbers looting his home

Three suspects arrested after they ram a police vehicle

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Edwin Lively will tell you he feels lucky to be alive today after three men broke into his home Tuesday, May 11, put a pistol and a knife to his head, hit him with a baseball bat and told him they were going to kill him because they hated white people.

Mr. Lively, 57, said he came home Tuesday morning about 10 a.m. and interrupted three men robbing his home in Belle Glade. They demanded money and forced him to go room to room as they searched for valuables.

"I thought I wouldn't make it through this day, I

didn't think they were going to leave a witness," Mr. Lively said.

The suspects, Dennis Aaron Hubbard, 19, of South Bay, Jacquin Turner, 18, and Michael Ray Jenkins, Jr., 18, both of Belle Glade were caught shortly after the robbery by two Belle Glade officers who were doing undercover burglary patrol in the area in an unmarked pickup truck.

Sgt. Matthew Sweet and his partner, Det. James Benedict said they saw a man, later identified as Hubbard, running and carrying a VCR at the corner of N.W. Ave. F and Second Street. Hubbard jumped into a 1988 Mercury Cougar that was backed into a driveway and the officers pulled in front of him. Jenkins was in the passenger seat and Turner was in the back seat.

When the officers blocked them in, Sgt. Sweet said Hubbard rammed their truck, knocking it back several feet. The two officers jumped from the truck and Det. Benedict dove through the driver's window of the Cougar and put a gun to Hubbard's head, forcing the three suspects to surrender.

Sgt. Sweet said Det. Benedict's swift action may have saved his life because he was still in front of Hubbard's car when Hubbard was attempting to drive forward again.

Det. Benedict was uninjured in the incident even though the partially-rolled-down window broke when he jumped through it. Det. Benedict said Hubbard was reaching for a gun and the other two men were also armed when he forced them to surrender.

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Juveniles who rob jewelry store tell police they were planning a robbery spree

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Three local juveniles, one only 12, robbed Torrecilla Jewelers, 116 S.W. Avenue B about noon that Tuesday.

Employees and witnesses told police that the juveniles, ages 12, 14, and 15, were armed with a large knife and a metal pneumatic .177 caliber handgun which was shaped to resemble a 9mm pistol. The 9mm is similar to the type used by the U.S. military and police agencies.

Detective Angelo J. Tsaoasis said the three juveniles entered the store and were refused service because store employees told them they should be in school. Store employees said

to the robbery call at Torrecilla Jewelers, 116 S.W. Avenue B about noon that Tuesday.

The boys parents, Margaret and Cecil, called police when they could not find the boys. The Sheriff's Department Dive Team later located the boys' bodies on the east side of the canal bank about 10 feet from the edge.

The medical examiner responded to the scene and the accident is still under investigation.

the 15-year-old pulled a handgun from his backpack and started shooting around the inside of the store while shouting "This is for everybody!"

Det. Tsaoasis said the pneumatic handgun's compressed gas operating system made a sound that made the eight occupants of the store believe the gun was real.

A mother with her infant child, fearing for her life, ran

out the front door and hid behind a car parked on S.W. Avenue B.

Police say the firing of the gun inside the store left holes in the walls and acoustical ceiling tiles. The 15-year-old then demanded the rings he had been looking at, jumped over the counter, took two gold rings valued at over \$500, a gold necklace of unknown value and the three fled the area.

Within minutes, Road Patrol Division Commander Lt. Albert, Dowdell III caught all three juveniles within a 2,000 foot radius of Torrecilla Jewelers and recovered the stolen jewelry.

The juveniles were booked at the Belle Glade Police Department and transported to the Juvenile Assessment Center under no bond on charges of robbery with a firearm, shooting into a building and grand theft.

Singletary and Crawford Sworn into Pahokee Commission

By Debra Miller
Staff Reporter

Pahokee City Commissioners Roy Singletary and Henry Crawford were sworn into office Tuesday night after being unopposed in the recent election.

Mr. Singletary will also hold on to his position as Vice-Mayor for the City. Commissioners will hold the office for the next two years.

In other business, the commissioners heard again from resident Tommy Housch who asked them if they would consider giving him a variance.

After being turned down by the Zoning, Adjustment and Planning Board to put two strands of barbed wire on his fence around

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South Bay woman arrested for attack at Rosenwald Elementary

By Debra Miller
Staff Reporter

South Bay resident Patricia Davis, 25, was arrested and charged with aggravated battery using a deadly weapon with intent to do bodily harm, possession of a weapon on school property and disrupting a school function after she attacked another woman at Rosenwald Elementary School.

According to Palm Beach County School District Police Dept., Davis admitted to arriving at the school, retrieving a large black club from the trunk of her car. She said she then waited for the victim, Claudette Allen, 35 to arrive to pick up her children.

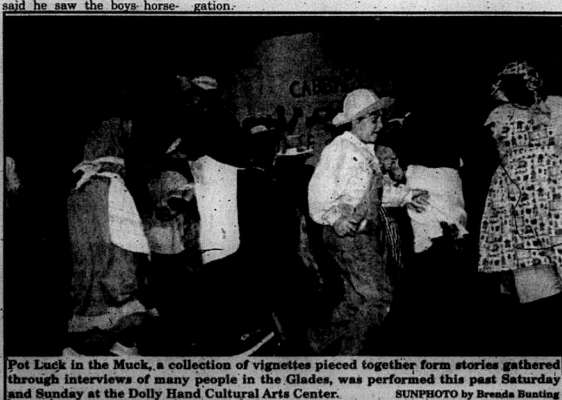
Davis then confronted Allen

saying she had been verbally abusing her daughter.

According to police records, words were exchanged and Davis then hit Allen twice on the head with the club.

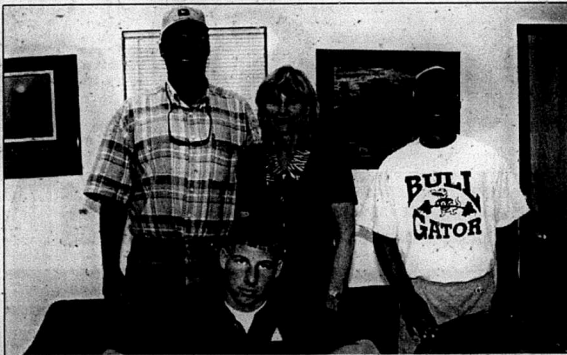
As Davis was allegedly hitting Allen with the club elementary school children were being placed on the school buses.

According to police the incident caused the children to stop loading on the buses and the children were taken away from the fight. Davis was then arrested and charged by the Palm Beach County District Police Department and was transported to the county jail by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.



Pot Luck in the Muck, a collection of vignettes pieced together from stories gathered through interviews of many people in the Glades, was performed this past Saturday and Sunday at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

SUNPHOTO by Brenda Bunting



SIGNING A FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP...Josh Crawford, a senior at Glades Day School, just signs an athletic scholarship contract to play football for Cumberland University in Tennessee. Josh is shown with his parents, Benton and Brenda Tyson and GDS Football Coach Pete Walker. He has attended Glades Day since kindergarten and has played football for the school since the seventh grade. He has been the school's linebacker and was named Linebacker of the Year this past year. He is also on the National Honor Society and was voted Mr. Senior and Most Friendly by his fellow classmates. He led the defense in tackles this past year. "It has been a joy coaching Josh," said Coach Walker. "He's a team player who gave 100 percent on the field."



HEADED FOR CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY...Jake Davis, a senior at Glades Day School, is shown signing an athletic scholarship to play football at Cumberland University. Jake has been a defensive back at GDS and on the varsity team played wide receiver and defensive back. He was named the 1997-98 First Team All Area by the Palm Beach Post and voted Most Valuable Defensive Back in the 1997-98 season. He is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and treasurer of the senior class. Football Coach Pete Walker said if Jake, "Jake is the kind of kid you go into coaching for. He is a team player." Shown standing, from left are Jake's parents, Dalton and Brenda Davis, Coach Walker and Assistant Coach Craig Dobson.

Local workshop to highlight financial incentives available to Enterprise Zone Businesses

A workshop designed to help businesses cut through the red tape to receive tax credits and other financial incentives will be held from 9 to 11 a.m., May 25 at the Belle Glade Campus of Palm Beach Community College.

Businesses located in the Pahokee Enterprise Zone and

Palm Beach County's Enterprise Zone, which encompasses areas of South Bay and Belle Glade, are eligible for a number of state tax incentives. The incentives include credit against sales tax for job creation, sales tax refunds for business machinery and equipment, electricity, and building materials use, jobs and property tax credits, the Community Contribution Tax Incentive Program and the Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption.

The workshop is sponsored by the Palm Beach County Enterprise Zone Development Agency and the Palm Beach Community College.

To sign up for the workshop, call Marian at 992-9500. Additional information and application forms may be obtained from the Palm Beach County Office of Economic Development, 301 North Olive Avenue, 10th Floor, West Palm Beach, Florida, 33401, telephone (561) 355-3624, Fax (561) 355-6017.

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Spring Revival planned at South Bay Church of God

The South Bay Church of God is planning a Spring Re-

vival, titled "Fresh Encounter with Christ", beginning Wednesday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. and running through Friday, May 21.

The revival will be held at the church, located at 156 N.W. 9th Avenue, South Bay. Rev. Edgar L. Miller is the Pastor and the evangelist will be Rev. Michael Hill of the North Dade Church of God in Miami.

Rev. Miller invites the public to attend the services.

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Chief of Police Michael Miller praised Det. Benedict's actions, saying, "He did what he had to do rather than using deadly force. It's damned good police work."

Mr. Lively said after the suspects put the gun to his head and told him they were going to kill him he began to pray out loud. "It helped me to calm down and I think it also calmed them down some, although one of them did say it wasn't going to help me to pray."

Chief Miller said the incident struck close to home because Mr. Lively comes by the police station weekly and prays with many of his officers. Sgt. Sweet said he and Mr. Lively go to the same church and the suspects "picked the wrong guy to mess with. We took this personally," he noted.

Arraignment for Turner, Hubbard and Jenkins was Wednesday morning at the Belle Glade Courthouse. Sgt. Sweet, Det. Benedict, Chief



James Benedict risked his life to bring down three suspects

Miller and Mr. Lively were at the arraignment.

All three men are being held without bond on a long list of charges, including armed burglary with battery, aggravated assault with a firearm, armed robbery with a hate crime enhancement, false imprisonment, grand theft, grand theft of a firearm, petty theft, and two counts of aggravated assault on a police officer with a



Sgt. Matthew Sweet helped in breaking up a possible burglary ring

motor vehicle.

Turner is still facing charges stemming from juvenile arrests.

Chief Miller said the burglary of Mr. Lively's home fit the modus operandi of many other burglaries committed in the past few months in Belle Glade and he believes the suspects may have been involved in other robberies in the city.

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his property, Mr. Housch is appealing to the commission saying that because of his recent assault he would feel safer if he was allowed to put the barbed wire up.

"I need this added protection or security to my property," said Mr. Housch.

Mr. Housch showed pictures of his girlfriend, Kathy Boswell, who had been severely beaten along with himself during a robbery attempted last month.

Mr. Housch told the commission the Board turned him down because barbed wire is not allowed around fences in a residential area. Commissioner Henry Crawford told the commissioners that other residents do have barbed wire on their fences and asked City Manager Ken Schenck if those residents were grandfathered in before the ordinance was put into place.

"What I am saying is if these properties were not grandfathered in then why do they have barbed wire on them?" said Mr. Crawford.

Mr. Schenck said he would

look into the matter and see who was allowed the fencing and who was not.

Mayor Alvis Davis told the commission he was strongly opposed to barbed wire in a residential area.

"But what I consider more compelling is your injuries and Kathy's. She was beaten severely," said Mr. Davis. "It is hard for me to say that I would grant putting up a barbed wire fence but in your case, the only way I can see it being done is to put it in an aesthetic way."

Not the jail house type but something that doesn't make it look like barbed wire."

Commissioners decided to allow Mr. Housch to come back to them with plans showing exactly where he plans to put the wire and to check into being able to camouflage the wire.

In an unrelated matter, Palm Beach County Commissioner Tony Masilotti addressed the commission asking them to consider providing dock space for the Mid-Lake Navigation Company to place five of their rental boats in the Pahokee Marine.

The rental company will bring the boats to the marina five months out of the year.

Commissioner Masilotti told commissioners that because of funds being tight in small communities, it would not be appropriate to ask the city to bear the burden of allowing the boats to have the dock spaces at no cost.

"The office of finance at the county level is willing to match the funds of the cost of those boats slip's so that Pahokee will not have any out of pocket for the funding of this," said Commissioner Masilotti.

Commissioner Masilotti told commissioners the economic impact for the city will be the hiring of two full time employees as well as two part-time employees. The total impact for the city was estimated at

\$650,000 per year.

"In fact, two of the members of the organization will move to this area," said Commissioner Masilotti. "This is a step in the right direction to provide employment opportunities for Pahokee."

In a unanimous vote the commissioners agreed to allow the Curtis Pryor asked Mayor Davis why he had not taken a drug test for the city.

"You have been on the commission for over a year and I want to know why you have not taken a drug test," said Mr. Pryor.

Mayor Davis responded by saying he had actually forgotten about taken the test, but he would take the test as soon as possible.

"The city made two appointments for me to take the test and both times no one showed up to give me the test," said Mayor Davis. "I had forgotten about the test, but I promise you, if at all possible I will go take the test tomorrow."

Resident Diane Walker expressed her feelings about the Mayor having not taken the test.

"As a citizen of Pahokee, I am quite surprised to learn tonight at this commission meeting that the mayor of this city has not taken drug screening based on the fact that all city employees are required to take a drug screening before they are hired," said Ms. Walker. "That is not right. I totally disagree with that, he has been on the commission a year and some people are not even hired until they take the test."

Mayor Davis assured everyone that he would take the test as soon as possible.



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"Growing" American population faces increased expenses

America's spreading waistline is starting to cost everyone more money, in more ways than one.

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A recent report from the folks who design public facilities indicates the costs of the American weight problem are increasing into other areas. The old designs for stadiums and auditoriums called for leaving an average of 18 inches of seat room per person. But that's become a little tight for some Americans. You just can't seat as many people per row as expected. New designs call for leaving 22 to 24 inches per backside, which means the facilities will have to be larger or else seat fewer people. Either way adds up to more expense, which will be passed along to the public.

If you think you're eating right and exercise regularly, but

still have trouble losing those extra pounds, the problem could be what you're drinking.

Beverages have fat and calories. Juices may contain lots of fructose, which is natural fruit sugar. Those calories can add up. If you're concerned about your weight, one small glass of juice per day is plenty. (There's a reason those juice glasses are so small.) A study of overweight children found that kids who drink more than one glass of juice per day are much more likely to be overweight than those whose juice consumption is limited to eight ounces or less. Those who drank a lot of juice also had other nutritional deficiencies. The researchers speculated that children who drink a lot of juice are likely to fill up on it and less likely to eat other foods.

Moderation is the key. You can get too much of even a good thing.

Beverages that contain alcohol can cause weight gain in two ways. First, there are calories and fat in alcohol. The calories in alcohol are easy for the body to access, so these calories will be used first and the body won't burn stored fat. Also, alcohol can raise your blood sugar response, which causes your body to make fat faster. And for the triple whammy, consumption of alcoholic beverages can cause your appetite to increase, causing

you to consume even more calories. An alcoholic drink has 7 calories per gram. Pure fat has 9 calories per gram.

According to "Low Fat Living," by Dr. Robert Cooper and Leslie Cooper, someone who drinks six beers a day consumes an EXTRA 900 calories.

Some of these calories come from the beer, some from additional calories consumed due to the increase in appetite. A beer or a glass of wine has about the same amount of alcohol as a mixed drink.

That's something the law enforcement officials have been trying to educate the public about for years.

Of course, drinking an occasional beer or glass of wine can be a good thing. Some studies show that drinking a daily glass of red wine with dinner can be beneficial to your heart. Moderation could well be the key to balancing the health benefits and the liabilities.

Of course, you shouldn't make changes in diet or exercise plans without first consulting your doctor. This is especially important if you are under a doctor's care for an existing health problem. And if you do decide to drink alcoholic beverages, please don't drive.

Katrina Elskan
Contributing
Editor

ER Chronicles: The elevator doors closed



Ariens R.
Stauffer, M.D.

"You look awfully pale, Brad!" Sylvia said to her husband. After 45 years together, she knew from one look that something wasn't right.

Then she stared in wide-eyed disbelief as he staggered and slumped to the floor in the hallway. She ran to his side. He moaned.

"He's still breathing!" she said out loud. She grabbed the phone and pounded 911. "Medic 33 here. We're two minutes out with a 68-year-old male who passed out." The paramedic's nervous voice on the radio told the ER staff that there was probably more to the story than just passing out.

She continued her report. "His wife says he complained of abdominal and back pain earlier, and then just went down. His initial blood pressure was 70 over 30. We've got one IV running wide open."

Everyone within earshot of the radio in the ER took a collective deep breath. "OK, folks. Let's get a spot ready for this guy!" Emergency physician Tammy Cortez spoke the obvious. "Sounds like a possible tripe-A."

Two emergency nurses were already preparing Critical Care Room 2: one stacked a few extra IV saline bags on a table as the other, grabbed blood tubes and turned on the cardiac monitor.

Only a handful of emergencies demand the speed of response required for a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA). When the

body's main artery stretches and bursts inside the abdomen, it is often fatal quite quickly, and the ER staff knew that any chance at survival depends on swift action.

"Here they are!" The eyes of Cortez and three nurses peered at the ambulance doorway as Brad's stretcher was whisked toward them. When Brad was pulled smartly onto the ER bed, Cortez noticed that his eyes were wide open.

"Hi, sir. I'm Dr. Cortez. Are you still having pain in your belly?"

Since she did not know how long Brad may remain awake, she fired questions quickly. Information had to be gathered as hastily as possible; there may not be another opportunity later.

"His pressures 88 over 50." A nurse read from the monitor as she handed an IV bag across Brad's chest to a waiting hand on the other side.

Hands were all over Brad. Nurses were starting over IV lines, one technician was drawing blood, another was performing an electrocardiogram and applying oxygen to Brad's face, and Cortez was probing the abdomen.

"He's got a pulsating mass here!" Cortez delivered the definitive bad news that all were expecting. Brad had an abdominal aneurysm.

"Notify the OR and the lab, and get Morris on the phone!" The entire hospital team and the vascular surgeon would need to fly into the action.

Cortez leaned into Brad's line of vision at the head of the bed.

"Sir, you have an aneurysm in your belly that has ruptured; you will need immediate

surgery. We're getting fluids into you now, and will be giving you some blood to hold you until the operating room is ready to go in a few minutes."

"Can I see my wife?" Brad asked weakly.

"Sure."

The first unit of blood was infusing through another IV as Sylvia was ushered through the bustle toward Brad. What was actually a flurry of organization seemed chaotic to Sylvia.

"Brad?"

"Hi, Baby. Brad swallowed hard. They say... I need surgery."

Cortez touched Sylvia's shoulder. "We're getting the OR ready now, and Dr. Morris, the vascular surgeon, will be here any minute."

Sylvia backed away from the bed, and motioned with her head for Cortez to come closer.

"Is this serious?" she asked in an obvious understatement.

Cortez spoke softly; only Sylvia could hear this. "It's very serious: There may be only about a 50-50 chance of making it through this." Cortez knew that even this estimate was optimistic at times.

"His pressures down to '80 again!" a nurse reported. "Here's another unit of blood."

Vascular surgeon Morris darted past the two women, and headed up to the operating room to scrub in.

Sylvia returned to Brad's side and clutched his hand. This was a moment she must take advantage of. She stretched her head down to his ear.

"I love you." The words were barely out of her mouth when the bed began moving.

"Let's go! The OR's ready!"

Brad's bed, surrounded by three nurses and an ER technician, rolled quickly toward the elevator to the OR. Sylvia's hand slipped up Brad's arm and off of his shoulder. She stood motionless and, although surrounded by people, felt alone.

The elevator doors closed.

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An aneurysm is an abnormal dilatation of an artery. It may cause no symptoms until it ruptures, and such rupture causes massive bleeding that is often fatal.

Abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) are most common in males over the age of 60, and there is a genetic predisposition. Most often, aneurysm formation is related to atherosclerosis, so cigarette smoking and high blood pressure are also risk factors. In addition, certain diseases that cause inflammation can lead to aneurysm formation, and some infections or even copper deficiencies may be involved. AAA victims often have other vascular disease, including coronary artery disease, so that any physical stress or surgery is a significant risk.

If an AAA is discovered while it is still asymptomatic, most experts recommend elective surgical removal when the artery has stretched beyond a couple inches in diameter, before it ruptures. AAA's can often be detected on examination of the abdomen, or may be found coincidentally during a scan or ultrasound of the abdomen being done for other purposes.

Once an AAA ruptures, the survival rate is not good, even if a patient makes it to a hospital prior to death.

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What to do when an infant is choking

(NAPSA). Few sounds are more alarming than that of a child who is choking. Understanding how to prevent choking, as well as what to do when choking occurs, can save a life. Nearly 4,000 men, women and children in the United States die from accidental choking each year. Nearly two thirds of children who choke to death are three years of age or younger. Most of these deaths can be avoided. The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) offers these tips to help prevent incidences of choking:

"Supervise mealtimes for young children," said Dr. David Vukich of ACEP. "Many choking cases occur when older brothers or sisters offer unsafe foods to a younger child. Some foods that can cause choking include hot dogs, nuts, chunks of meat, grapes, hard candy, peanuts, popcorn, chunks of peanut butter and uncooked vegetables."

Avoid toys with small parts and keep other small household items out of reach of young children. Balloons are particularly dangerous.

Treating Choking Infants
"If a child is choking, first find out if the child can breathe, cry or speak," said Dr.

Vukich. "A strong cough generally means little or no blockage, and the child may be able to dislodge the blockage by coughing. Only begin first aid if the child cannot breathe at all, or the child's airway is so blocked that there's only a weak cough and a loss of color."

According to ACEP, the ways to properly treat choking victims, especially children under age four, are first aid that everyone should learn to help people breathe easier.

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Callers respond to last week's
Speak Out

"I'd like to respond to the Speak Out in the newspaper on May 6. I can't believe that somebody actually believes that the Black Gold Jubilee has something to do with the color of a person's skin.

Black Gold refers to the soil in our area, and thank God we have it. It has provided a lot of jobs for everybody.

Thank you."

"I'm calling in reference to the Speak Out that was in The Sun newspaper on May 6 in reference to Black Gold Jubilee and how it should be called the 'White Gold Jubilee'.

It's my understanding that the Black Gold Jubilee refers to the muck, not the color of the people who attend or who participate in Black Gold Jubilee.

It's also my understanding that anyone is welcome to be a part of the Black Gold Jubilee. It is supposed to be a celebration of our community, not the color of our skin. It's the end of the harvest season and it's just been a celebration.

And as far as the reference to complaints in Speak Out about the Afro Arts Festival I'm sure the callers were people who live around the arts festival who complained.

I think we should take a look at why we're complaining about Black Gold Jubilee. If the whites are the only ones attending Black Gold Jubilee, then maybe other nationalities should attend next year and participate.

Thank you."

"This is about the Black Gold Jubilee. The Jubilee is an open community activity. Anyone can participate.

If the AmeriCorp is so concerned about an all-white Black Gold, why aren't they concerned about an all-black Mayor's Convention, an all-black beauty pageant, an all-black golf tournament, an all-black firefighter's convention?

It seems to me there are more all-black events and it seems that they do not want to participate with us. It's not us, really, not wanting to participate with them.

If AmeriCorp is so concerned, why don't they help us form an all-white beauty pageant, an all-white police convention, an all-white mayor's convention?

Sounds like to me AmeriCorp is one-sided. They need to open their eyes to the way the blacks have their own events and pageants.

"Black Gold Jubilee represents the celebration of the end of our harvesting season and also stands for the color of the soil, in which

we plant our crops and not for the color of a person's skin.

The person who wrote or called the Speak Out should research more on the Black Gold Jubilee and not have misled his or her friends from AmeriCorp."

"Hello. This is for the person in last week's Speak Out about the Black Gold being all white. It's my understanding it was named Black Gold because of the black muck. The muck is not, nor has it ever been white.

The Jubilee is put on for the people of the Glades. It is your choice if you want to attend. I've never seen nor heard anyone say from the day it started that it was for whites only.

I've never gone or helped with the Jubilee by my choice, not by what color I am.

Why don't you try sweeping around your own door before cleaning around others. The Black Gold, "Her Soil is Her Fortune", has given a lot of jobs to us for years, black and white.

Thank you."

"I am writing in response to last week's Speak Out concerning the Black Gold Jubilee.

The person who wrote that must have no idea with Black Gold stands for.

Black Gold is the muck (soil). The Black Gold Jubilee is a celebration of Belle Glade's pride and joy, her muck.

If you have ever noticed the sign saying Welcome to Belle Glade, underneath it says, "Her Soil is Her Fortune."

Next time you have a comment about Black Gold... understand what the festival actually stands for before you think it has something to do with racist issues."

Long wait for visitors at Glades
Correctional

"I'm calling because I'm concerned about the long lines outside the main building for visitors at Glades Correctional Institution.

I'd like to know why it takes the officers so long to wait on one person. This is done every day. It takes them from five to ten minutes to look at one identification photo and look at the person's name to let them through.

I was standing out there on Sunday. I was standing out there for an hour and a half before I got in. This doesn't make sense.

Instead of waiting on the visitors, they're laughing and talking with one another while

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"THE COLOR OF MONEY GOES WITH ANY OUTFIT YOUR MOTHER BUYS"

Letters to the Editor

Jobs are available for kids in the Glades

Dear Editor:

This letter is in reference to an article written last week about having something to do for the children. I suggest there is more than just the children to consider, having something to do here in the Glades. I submit that all Generation X (ages 17-30) need something to do. Specifically when we talk about the jobs or lack of jobs and opportunities here in the Glades for each of them. What are we going to do? We have been waiting on some outsider to come into the Glades and bring new industry here and I am still looking out for this possibility, although, we can certainly do something right now for ourselves!

I will never complain without having a solution for the problem. Being the facilitator for the jobs committee at Glades Community Development Corporation (GDC), a board member of the Business Loan Fund of the Palm Beaches, and a business owner myself, I have associated myself with a strategy that will work. This plan is designed to target Generation X, ages 17-30 to earn the income, which is

so desperately needed in this area. What I am missing is you, those who want more income.

The plan is simple, yet comprehensive in design, which allows anyone to make an income, now! If you are in the Generation X group or know someone who is interested in earning \$2,000 or more per month, ask them to stop complaining and give me a call if they have the guts to make the call.

I will show there is no reason for any of our youth to deprive themselves from a good income. Moreover, with community support this information is open to anyone with the desire to change something about his or her financial situation. The desire to win is what's important to succeed.

Please contact the Economic Alliance Group or me at 561-996-6470 to get the details.

Sincerely,

Gregory K. Vereen
Executive Director, NTD

Being a single mom is not easy

By Mark W. Merrill
Family First

If being a mother is a labor of love, then being a single mother requires double the labor, and double the love. Without a father around, single mothers have to give twice the hugs, twice the affection, and twice the attention, while half the time, half the energy and often, half the resources.

Just about everyone knows a single mom. The U.S. Census Bureau says almost a third of all U.S. children are being raised in a single-parent home headed by a woman. But do we ever look beyond the statistics and think about what it really takes to parent without a partner?

Some of the highest hurdles single moms face are financial, the day-to-day challenges of meeting basic needs. Only half of the mothers due child support get the full amount; 25 percent get nothing at all. Therefore it's not surprising that almost 50 percent of single moms and their children live in poverty, compared to eight percent of families with a married mom and dad.

And whatever your opinion of single motherhood, most women who are single parents probably didn't set out with that as a goal. Divorce accounts for 46 percent of all single parent households, unwed mothers 25 percent; marital separation 21 percent, and death of a spouse seven percent. But no matter why a mother is on her own, we need to encourage these women and the 14 million children living in their homes.

We should all consider how we can make the

day in and day out job of single parenting easier. If a single mother also works outside the home, her mom duties resume as soon as she walks in her front door. Want to see her face light up? Fix dinner for her family and have it ready when she arrives.

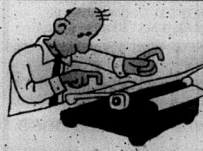
Child care demands are also tougher when it's only mom doing the picking up and dropping off for ballet, baseball, or band practice. Find out who the single moms are among your children's circle of friends, and see if you can take some of their taxi duty.

Perhaps you can help a single mom by mowing her yard, running an errand for her, or washing her car. You can even get your own children involved. In the process, they'll learn lessons in kindness, hospitality, and giving.

If you really want to make her day, offer to watch her kids while she spends an evening with a friend or a relaxing day at the park or beach. It's tough being a single mother and not always easy to ask for help.

So, next Mother's Day, think about the challenging ways that single moms' lives are different from other mothers'. Then think about how they are the same. All mothers have hopes and dreams for their children, but single mothers have to do their hoping and dreaming alone.

Mark W. Merrill is president of Family First, an independent research and communications organization dedicated to strengthening the family.



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we're standing out there baking in the sun.

There was an elderly lady behind me and she leaned on a table and an officer got on a loud speaker and told her she couldn't lean on the table. You can't lean on the table, but you can stand there while they're busy laughing and talking and taking their time letting you in to see the person you came to see.

You can't get out of the line and move around. You have to stay in the line. You can't walk on the grass. My goodness, what can you do? You're there to visit, you're not a prisoner.

I will be reading the paper next time to see what the response will be because I'm sure they will have one."

Editor's note: Norman V. Jenkins, assistant superintendent for programs with Glades Correctional Institution responds as follows: "I have read your letter of concern and offer this letter in explanation. In an effort to ensure the safety of visitors, inmates and staff, our visitor check in process is as follows:

First, the officer must do a search of each person's personal belongings prior to entering the institution for contraband. Contraband is any item that is not permitted in the institution. If the person has contraband, then he/she must return the item to the vehicle.

Second, the officer is doing more than verifying your identification, he/she is checking the visitor cards to ensure the person is approved to visit. He or she is also checking to ensure the inmate is not in a status that prohibits visits.

Finally, the visitors must be searched. We know that most people who come to visit are law abiding citizens, however, on occasion, visitors do try to bring in contraband. Safety to the other offenders, visitors, staff and public are very important and our top priority.

Located in the visiting area is a questionnaire for visitors to complete. These questionnaires are personally answered by me. I have not reviewed a complaint recently. In the past, training and verbal counseling was done with staff identified and determined to have acted unprofessionally. I encourage this reader and any visitor to complete the form or contact me if they encounter a problem.

We are looking at making the wait more comfortable for visitors by installing covers over the sidewalk and seats for those in line. We cannot eliminate the wait to enter the institution com-

pletely, but we will do what we can to lessen the hardship and the amount of time it takes to enter. If this caller or any other visitor would like to contact me, I can also give some hints on how they can help speed up the process."

Calling about police blotter

"This letter is for the police department concerning a young man who was arrested for drugs - LSD, B.K.A., acid and some pills, I think called ecstasy.

What upsets me is when my son was arrested for theft that was later dropped, the whole city got to know and ruined my child's credibility.

Parents should be told that there are these kinds of exotic drugs on the streets of Belle Glade and it should be reported on the police blotter.

Is it because his parents have money or am I not aware of other reasons?

Please inform us.
A concerned parent."

Michael R. Miller, director of public safety/chief of police responds: "Once again, thank you for allowing me to set the record straight. The Belle Glade Police Department at this time has not filed criminal charges against anyone for possession of the designer drug referred to as ecstasy. If a person is under suspicion or investigation for possession of ecstasy, that drug must be tested at an approved forensic laboratory to confirm its identification. At present, no recognized field test kit is approved for the designer drug ecstasy. If laboratory results confirm that the drug is in fact ecstasy and we have probable cause to determine that an individual was in possession of said controlled substance, charges would be filed and documented on the Belle Glade Police Department Arrest Blotter.

NOTE: As a parent I am happy for you that criminal charges were dropped against your son; however, there are many reasons criminal charges are dropped and the least likely of them is innocence. And, as to your comment about some young man's parents money influencing the actions of the Belle Glade Police Department, you are obviously uninformed and misinformed. The men and women of the Belle Glade Police Department perform their duties in a professional manner with honor and integrity and I am proud to be associated with these brave men and women."

CRIME STOPPERS

Gene Nicholson, who is wanted for failure to appear on charges of possession of cocaine and possession of marijuana. He is also wanted for corruption by threat against a public official and for inciting a riot, domestic violent assault and battery.

Nicholson is a black male, 5'9" tall, and weighs 160 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and gold teeth. He also has a scar on his forehead. His date of birth is November

11, 1971. His last address 715 Mobile Home Park, Lot 279, Belle Glade. His Social Security number is 267-53-9753 and his last occupation was as a laborer. His warrant was active as of May 4, 1999.

If you know the whereabouts of Nicholson, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

**PBCC to hold Glades Community Forum**

The Palm Beach Community College Equity Committee will hold a community forum May 18 at the Glades Campus, 1977 College Drive, Room 122, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The forum will provide information about opportunities and programs at PBCC, including workforce development, financial aid, small business assistance, employment and more of the college's offerings. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information call Senior Instructor Patrick McMahon the Glades Campus at 992-6154.

Applications being accepted for Pre-K

Applications are now being accepted for the 1999-2000 Prekindergarten Early Intervention Program.

Parents can apply on Monday, May 3 at Rosenwald Elementary School in South Bay from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A child must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 of this year to qualify and the family must meet the requirements for the Free Lunch Program. Parents/guardians must also be currently employed or participating in the WAGES program and priority will be given to children residing in the school attendance area.

For more information, contact Rosenwald Elementary School at 996-4970.

Health Fair 1999

The C.L. Brumback Health

Center of the Department of Health is sponsoring a Health Fair on Friday, May 14 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the health department in Belle Glade.

Included in the services offered are health education, nutrition counseling, WIC, vision and hearing testing, blood pressure screening and much more.

The Palm Tran Van and the Med-Mobile will also be available. Human and economic services and many other agencies providing information will also be available.

Also, this year is a new addition for the children called "Kids Land", created especially for the enjoyment of the children.

Everyone is invited to attend. For more information call Arlene at 996-1600, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Soccer registration

American Youth Soccer Organization Region 1267 will be holding registration for the fall season and for Major League Soccer Camp on May 22 from 11 to 5 p.m. at the Clewiston Youth Center.

The cost for the fall season is \$35 for the first child and \$30 for each additional child. The cost covers an eight week season and Jamboree and uniform. Shoes and shinguards are not included. MLS Camp will be June 1-5 at Sugarland Park in Clewiston.

For more information call 941-983-0454 or stop by U-Save Supermarket in Belle Glade.

Annual Barbecue

Pahokee Elks Lodge #1638 will be having their annual barbecue on Saturday, May 15.

They will begin serving ribs and chicken from noon until they sell out. Dinners are \$7 per plate with a choice of tea or coffee included.

There will be a dance following the barbecue. Tickets are \$5 per person at the door.

Hometown Handshake

Members of Belle Glade and Pahokee's Chamber of Commerce are invited to a "Hometown Handshake" on Thursday, May 13 at 6 p.m. at the Drawbridge Cafe.

Members are encouraged to bring their business cards and participate in this event sponsored by both the Belle Glade and Pahokee Chambers of Commerce.

Health Education Day

Glades General Hospital will be hosting a Health Education Day on Thursday, May 13 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in celebration of National Hospital Week.

There will be free blood pressure screening and education, postural, flexibility and strength screening, peak flow test for pulmonary problems, dedication education, cholesterol screening, PSA, glucose testing, cardiac risk profiles, nutrition consultation and triple-touch self breast exam education.

CAC Reunion Banquet

The Community Action Council Reunion Committee is hosting a banquet to honor two community leaders who were instrumental in the development of many health and human service programs existing in the Glades community.

Willie Haulstead Sr., and Hattie M. Fields will be remembered for their services to the Glades community.

The banquet will be held May 15 at 6 p.m. at the Drawbridge Cafe. Contact Tess Clemons at 996-0660 for ticket information.

Steak Night

Members and guests are invited to enjoy steak night every Saturday evening at the Pahokee Elks Lodge.

Reservations are requested. Call 994-7727 for more information.

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In Celebration of National Hospital Week
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- Blood Pressure Screening & Education
- Postural, Flexibility & Strength Screening
- Peak Flow Test for Pulmonary Problems
- Medication Education
- Cholesterol Screening, PSA, Glucose Test
- Cardiac Risk Profile
- Nutrition Consultation
- Triple-Touch Self Breast Exam Education

Glades General Hospital

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 670 complaints, worked 12 crime scenes and gave 29 traffic citations the week of May 3-9.

Those arrested included:

May 3 - Malcom Holland, 26, resisting an officer without violence; **Juvenile, 14**, burglary to a motor vehicle and grand theft; **David Trevino, 20**, battery and resisting an officer without violence; **Oswald Swaby, 49**, aggravated stalking.

May 4 - Juvenile, 14, robbery with a firearm, grand theft, shooting into a building; **Juvenile, 14**, robbery with a firearm, grand theft, shooting into a building; **Juvenile, 12**, robbery with a firearm, grand theft and shooting into a building.

May 5 - Arthur McCloud, 43, resisting an officer without violence and battery on a law enforcement officer; **Eddie Lusane, 18**, burglary to a motor vehicle and grand theft; **Juvenile, 16**, burglary to a motor vehicle and grand theft.

May 6 - Teodoro Osegunda, 23, battery on a law enforcement officer and assault on an officer.

May 7 - No arrests made.

May 8 - Juvenile, 14, violation of probation.

May 9 - Willie C. Williams, 22, failure to appear on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor; **Ephone Kelly, 42**, throwing a deadly missile, resisting an officer without violence; **George Baker, 42**, failure to appear on charges of burglary to a structure; **Joey Velez, 18**, burglary, petty theft and failure to appear for arraignment.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department made 10 arrests the week of May 3-9.

Those arrested included:

May 3 - Juvenile, 17, battery on a deten-

tion staff employee; **Jason Carroll, 21**, possession of marijuana under 20 grams, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of an open alcoholic beverage; **Justin Engel, 25**, possession of marijuana under 20 grams, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of an open alcoholic beverage.

May 4 - No arrests.

May 5 - Ethel Renia Smith, 31, aggravated child abuse.

May 6 - Juvenile, 10, retail theft; **Elliott Boone Jr., 42**, trespassing after warning.

May 7 - Cedrick Murvin, 30, disorderly intoxication.

May 8 - Alfred Wimberly, 22, obstructing police and obstruction by a disguised person, tampering with evidence and failure to appear warrants; **Joel Cardenas, 18**, domestic violence.

May 9 - Earnest Bernard Johnson, 27, lewd assault of a minor, false imprisonment, obstructing an officer without violence, battery, criminal mischief, corruption by threat, failure to appear for arraignment.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 6 arrests the week of May 2-8.

May 2 - Vernon Clark, 30, battery on a law enforcement officer.

May 3 - No arrests made.

May 4 - Willie C. Lake, 21, obstructing justice; **Jeffrey Vickers, 32**, warrant for failure to pay child support.

May 5 - Patrice Davis, 25, aggravated battery.

May 6 - Steven Pagnatta, 46, warrant for contempt of court; **Vonda Clinton, 23**, warrant for contempt of court.

May 7 - No arrests made.

May 8 - No arrests made.

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3:30 p.m. • Sunday • ESPN
- **Busch Series, Hardee's 250**
7:30 p.m. • Friday • ESPN2

1999 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Jeff Burton, 1,544	Dale Earnhardt Jr., 1,482	Stacy Compton, 995
2. Dale Jarrett, 1,489	Matt Kenseth, 1,463	Ron Hornaday, 975
3. Bobby Labonte, 1,390	Elton Sawyer, 1,453	Jack Sprague, 501
4. Jeff Gordon, 1,344	Jeff Green, 1,330	Greg Biffle, 835
5. Mark Martin, 1,339	Jason Keller, 1,309	Andy Houston, 810
6. Tony Stewart, 1,247	Cassey Wood, 1,218	Kevin Harvick, 808
7. Rusty Wallace, 1,217	Mike McLaughlin, 1,197	Dennis Setzer, 790
7. Terry Labonte, 1,217	Jeff Purvis, 1,197	Kevin Cuyler, 785
9. Ward Burton, 1,196	Todd Bodine, 1,195	Jay Sauter, 783
10. Mike Skinner, 1,193	Randy LaJoie, 1,167	Randy Tolson, 782

TOP TEN

■ Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

- (1) Jeff Burton Stuck on two wins
- (2) Jeff Gordon On the rebound
- (3) Bobby Labonte Lead man at Team Pontiac
- (4) Dale Jarrett Strong at Richmond
- (5) Mark Martin Ready to bounce back
- (6) Tony Stewart Poised to win
- (7) Rusty Wallace Short-track master
- (8) Dale Earnhardt Long way to Daytona
- (9) Ward Burton Also win-starved
- (10) Terry Labonte Won here last year

1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Track	Location
May 15	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
May 22	Charlotte Motor Speedway (all-star race)	Concord, N.C.
May 30	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
June 6	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
June 13	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
June 20	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
June 27	Sears Point Raceway	Sonoma, Calif.
July 3	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 11	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
July 25	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 7	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 15	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 22	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 28	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 5	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Sept. 11	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
Sept. 19	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 26	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
Oct. 3	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 10	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
Oct. 17	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 24	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
Nov. 7	Phoenix International Raceway	Phoenix, Ariz.
Nov. 14	Miami-Dade Homestead Motorsports Complex	Homestead, Fla.
Nov. 21	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Hampton, Ga.

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP SERIES

Elton Sawyer played his cards right to win New Hampshire's annual BGN race. By his own admission, Sawyer had a "third-place car," but pit strategy gave him the edge over Jeff Green, and Dale Earnhardt Jr. was eliminated in a late crash.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Greg Biffle earned rookie-of-the-year honors in 1998, led a lot of laps and won a bunch of poles, but he never won a race until Saturday at Memphis, Tenn.'s 3/4-mile track. Biffle earned a ride with Ford Truck owner Jack Roush in part because he impressed TV commentator Benny Parsons during the annual Winter Heat Series in Tucson, Ariz.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Jack Sprague vs. Mike Wallace

In the Craftsman Truck Series, the bruising week-to-week battle between Sprague and Ron Hornaday is well-documented. But at Memphis, Tenn., it was Wallace who hit the wall after a nudge from Sprague in the waning laps.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "Sprague is an aggressive driver, as are Hornaday and, for that matter, Wallace. The Memphis incident might add a Ford vs. Chevy aspect (Sprague and Hornaday both drive Chevys) to the weekly paint-trading among the pickup trucks."

AROUND THE GARAGE

McSwain hired on to Rudd's Ford team

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Michael McSwain has been hired as crew chief for Ricky Rudd's Ford Winston Cup team. McSwain, from Lattimore, N.C., moves to Rudd Performance Motorsports from Yarborough-Burdette Motorsports, where he worked as crew chief for Rick Mast.

Rudd had been without a permanent crew chief since Bill Ingle left following the March 14 race at Atlanta Motor

Speedway.

"We've had a very difficult season so far and have been making a number of changes to get our Fords back among the best teams," said Rudd. "I've been following Mike (McSwain's) career for a long time, and I've been really impressed with the results he's produced, especially this year."

TWO WORKS BETTER:

Noting the inability of the multitar teams of Jack Roush

and Rick Hendrick to get their enter operations up to speed, Rusty Wallace has concluded that two is the optimum size for Winston Cup success.

"More isn't better all the time, and if you get too much information, it can be confusing," said Wallace. "You come in from practice, you get the whole operation together, they ask 'What do you think?' and you give them different answers."

Not surprisingly, of course, Wallace is paired with only one other driver, Jeremy Mayfield,

"There have been plenty of times we've been confused with just a two-car team," he said. "If you get too many people, it confuses people, and it can hurt you. I think the two-car teams generally do better than the four- and five-car teams."

"If you talked to Jack (Roush) right now, he'd be willing to admit he gets most of his success out of the 6 (Mark Martin) and the 99 (Jeff Burton). Jack has five cars, but Mark and Jeff, they're really a two-car team."

WINSTON CUP SERIES

Coming up: Pontiac Excitement 400

Where: Richmond (Va.) International Raceway, 0.75-mile track, 400 laps, 300 miles
When: Saturday, May 15
Defending champion: Terry Labonte
Track qualifying record: Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 125.558

mph, June 4, 1998

Race record: Rusty Wallace, Ford, 108.499 mph, March 2, 1997

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Coming up: Hardee's 250
Where: Richmond (Va.) International Raceway, 0.75-mile track, 250 laps, 187.5 miles
When: Friday, May 14

Defending champion:

Jeff Burton
Qualifying record: Wayne Grubb, Chevrolet, 123.717 mph, June 4, 1998
Race record: Kenny Wallace, Ford, 104.928 mph, Sept. 8, 1995

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Coming up: NAPA 300K

Where: Pikes Peak (Colorado Springs, Colo.) International Raceway, 1-mile track, 200 laps.
When: Sunday, May 16

Defending champion: Ron Hornaday

Qualifying record: Mike Bliss, Ford, 132.402 mph, July 24, 1998

Race record: Ron Hornaday, Chevrolet, 89.122 mph, July 25, 1998

PROFILE

Bobby Hamilton



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Bobby Hamilton won his first Winston Cup race at Phoenix in 1996.

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Bobby Hamilton is the third of four racing generations. His father and grandfather once built race cars for the late Marly Robbins, and Bobby is one of many NASCAR stars to excel after cutting his teeth at Nashville's fairgrounds track.

When Hamilton won his first Winston Cup race on Oct. 27, 1996, at Phoenix, it marked the first victory for Richard Petty as a car owner. After winning again for Petty the following year at Rockingham, Hamilton moved to the Virginia-based Morgan-McClure team in 1998, where he succeeded fellow Tennessean Sterling Marlin.

HOMETOWN: Born and raised in Nashville, Tenn., lives in Mount Juliet, Tenn.
AGE: 41
WIFE: Debbie
SON: Bobby Jr.

CAR: No. 4 Kodak Chevrolet, owned by Larry McClure

FIRSTS: Start (Nov. 5, 1989, at Phoenix), pole (June 21, 1996, at Michigan), win (Oct. 27, 1996, at Phoenix)

CAREER STATISTICS: 241 starts, 5 poles, 3 wins, 16 top-five finishes, 47 top-10s, more than \$7 million in career earnings

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A RACE-

CAR DRIVER? "Right off the bat, you've got to handle yourself well with the media.

Corporate America is looking at the drivers all the time, so you've got to be able to participate in what they want and do a good job at it. That seems to be the biggest thing these days, more than driving ability. It's nice if you can drive and win races to go along with all that. That's what makes it work, so it's all the above. Be competitive, run up front, lead races, get TV time, speak well for your sponsors and do a good job in the race."

DO YOU HAVE ANY PREREQUISITE RITUALS? "No, I don't even pay any attention to that stuff. Some race mornings, I'm real big on wanting some pasta or something like that, depending on the heat, or baked chicken or something like that, but I'm hungry all the time. My only thing on race morning is what I want to eat and what's going to be best for me as far as the heat or a cool day or something like that."

DO YOU HAVE TO HAVE A SPONSOR TO GET INVOLVED IN RACING? "It's possible to race without a sponsor. There's an old saying if you want to make a million dollars in racing, you can spend 10 million. There's not a lot of profit in it unless you have a sponsor. ... It's a necessity in the long run if you're going to be in this sport that you have a corporate sponsor."

Your Turn

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,

A letter appeared in your questions section from a lady (who) wanted to know about a driver in the Daytona 500 by the name of Zack Brewer.

She was right about his name but not about what race he was in. Young Zack Brewer was in the race that was run on Friday, Feb. 12, 1999. He was in the Goody's Dash Series.

Shirley Ebersole
Greencastle, Pa.

Several readers noted this oversight. Thanks for your interest.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

I have heard there is going to be a NASCAR truck built in Kansas City, Kan. Could you give me more information?

Kay Hill
Topeka, Kan.

The track you mentioned will apparently be a 1.5-mile superspeedway and is expected to open in time for a Winston Cup race in 2001.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

How do the NASCAR drivers know they are going 60 miles per hour in the pit if they don't have any speedometers?

Jordan Jarvis
Bartlesville, Okla.

Before the start of each race, the pace car leads the field down pit road at the prescribed speed (it is not always 60). Each driver monitors his tachometer, knowing that a certain number of rpm's in a certain gear equals the pit-road speed.

CREW OF THE WEEK

■ Even while Elton Sawyer was having potentially the best year of his career, his team was marred by the breakup of owners Brad Akins and Bob Sutton. Now Akins owns the two-car Busch Grand National team alone (Glenn Allen drives the second car), and with Akins at the controls, Sawyer won his first race of the season (and second of his career) at New Hampshire International Speedway.

Trackside Trivia

- Who was the first driver to win the World (now Coca-Cola) 600 in a Plymouth?
- Who was the first driver to win the World 600 twice?
- Who gave Julie Donlavey his only (to this point) Winston Cup victory?

1963 and '65: 3 Jody Rife at Dover in 1981
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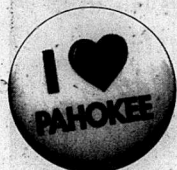
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Chamber Holds last breakfast of the season at Pahokee Middle/Senior High School

The Pahokee Chamber of Commerce and Pahokee Main Street held their last monthly Chamber Breakfast for the season at Pahokee Middle/Senior High School on Thursday, May 6.

The breakfast was sponsored by principal Mrs. May Gamble.

Cafeteria Manager, Pat McAleney provided business owners and members of the chamber with a wonderful array of breakfast foods.

The chamber proudly acknowledged Christine McEntire, now in her fourth year, as a teacher and coach at the school.

She recently returned from her trip to Azerbaijan with her students, who were visitors of the country last month.

She was presented with a plaque from chamber president Ken Law as part of the "I Made a Difference" program offered by the chamber.

Ms. McEntire entertained the crowd with her and her students' experiences while in the country of Azerbaijan.

"Going away to a country such as that makes you very glad that you are an American and have the freedom that you have here," said Ms. McEntire.

Azerbaijan was a Capitalist country for many years and only recently, 1992, have they been given their freedom.

"Even though they have been given their freedom, they still have a Soviet mentality," said Ms. McEntire. "The average worker still earns about \$40 per month. The country survives by foreign companies owned by the United States and Britain workers that work in these American and British jobs."

Ms. McEntire told members the students have made friends for life and an experience they will always remember.

In other chamber news

the spotlight on members this month included Sam's Investment Corporations, a consulting firm for business and professionals. They have formed an alliance with Astran Shipping of Egypt and have access to both import and export markets in the Middle East.

CEO and President Sam El Dagarr and Vice President Roswell Harrington have teamed together to offer assistance in business expansions.

Hatton's Pride is the distributor of Alpine products, makers of water purification systems. Partners Annette and Joe Hatton, III have strong ties to the community.

New school programs

Kay Zaccagnino is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Palm Beach County School District, Area 4. Her area encompasses much of Western Palm Beach County and she will be developing special programs involving the students, local businesses and volunteers. One of the programs is called Adopt a Class. This is a program that allows business to become partners in education with a school and class of their choice in their community.

By making a tax-deductible contribution, you will receive valuable and favorable exposure to students, educators, other business and parents in the community. One hundred percent of the money you contribute will go directly to that class of your choosing, to purchase items the teachers feel are most needed. To learn more about this important program contact the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce.

New Members

Affordable Dry Cleaning is owned and operated by Jeff Hawkins, wife Terri and mom Patricia, since starting their business in Belle Glade in early '97, they have continued to grow. Teresa Gordon, the

Pahokee Manager, is busy meeting the needs of her customers.

Job opportunities and expanded services are in the works for the company.

Great Teacher

Congratulations go out to Sharon Baumgartner, who was recently recognized as a finalist in the Middle School category of the annual William T. Dwyer Awards.

Sharon is a resident of

Pahokee, an active member of First United Methodist Church and teaches at Glades Day School.

Golf Tournament

The first annual Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 11.

Down Home

Handshake A Belle Glade and Pahokee Chamber mixer is planned for Thursday, May

13 at 6 p.m. at the Drawbridge Cafe. Several drawings will be held and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Bring your business cards.

Garden Club president Shirlee Ingram has announced the club's annual spring luncheon and installation of officers will be held at 12 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church.

Business of the Month

The Business of the Month is Video Movies, Inc. which is owned and operated by Eddie Honeycutt.

Mr. Honeycutt is not just a neighbor, he's an avid supporter of the Chamber and helps to sponsor the monthly newsletter. Mr. Honeycutt was named Citizen of the Year in 1998 because of his involvement in the community.

The next Pahokee Chamber Breakfast will be held in September. The Chamber wishes everyone



Pahokee Chamber members were treated to a delightful breakfast at Pahokee Middle Senior High School during their last breakfast of the season. Principal May Gamble showed a new video produced by the school and introducing the various programs offered for students.

BEFORE YOU SIGN LEASING NOTICE

The City of Pahokee is applying for the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for a grant under the Neighborhood Development category in an amount up to \$750,000 under the Small Grant Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons. The activities, dollar amounts and estimated percentage benefits to low and moderate income persons for which is applying are:

Activity	Dollar Amount	% Benefit to Low and Moderate Income Persons
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M	WWTP Plant	At least 57%
N	WWTP Improvements	At least 57%
P	Administration	At least 57%
R	Engineering for Water Project	At least 57%
S	Improvements to WWTP (Sanitary)	At least 57%
T	City of Pahokee	At least 57%

The CDBG project will undertake improvements to the WWTP, specifically to meet DCA's new requirements for the following manner. The City's leverage funds may be expended on the engineering for the CDBG project as well as cost overruns to the CDBG project and improvements to the wastewater treatment plant. The City of Pahokee plans to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG-related activities in the following manner: As this project involves improvements to City owned facilities, no permanent displacement is anticipated.

If any persons are displaced as a result of these planned activities, the City of Pahokee will assist such persons in the following manner: No permanent displacement is planned for this project.

A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held at City Commission Chambers on Tuesday, May 24, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. A draft copy of parts of the application will be available for review at that time. A final copy of the application will be made available at the City Clerk's Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., no more than five days after June 30, 1999. The application will be submitted to DCA on or before June 30, 1999. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the public hearing, contact Mr. Ken Schuch, City Manager, City of Pahokee, 171 North Lake Avenue, or telephone 561-996-5254.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing, or a sign language interpreter, shall contact Mr. Ken Schuch, City Manager, at least five calendar days prior to the meeting, and an interpreter will be provided. To access a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD), please call 1-800-865-8771. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Mr. Schuch at least five calendar days prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to Section 102 of the HUD Reform Act of 1989, the following disclosure will be submitted to DCA with the application. The disclosure will be made available by City of Pahokee and DCA for public inspection upon request. These disclosures will be available on and after the date of submission of the application and shall continue to be available for a minimum period of five years.

1. Other government (federal, state and local) assistance to the project in the form of a gift, grant, loan, guarantee, insurance payment, property transfer, or otherwise.

2. The identities and pecuniary interests of all developers, contractors, or consultants involved in the application for assistance or in the planning or development of the project or activity.

3. The identities and pecuniary interests of any other persons with a pecuniary interest in the project that may reasonably be expected to exceed \$50,000 or 10% of the grant request (whichever is lower).

4. For those developers, contractors, consultants, property owners, or others listed in (1) or (2) above which are corporations, or other entities, the identification and pecuniary interests by corporations or entity of each officer, director, principal shareholder, or other official of the entity.

5. The expected sources of all funds to be provided to the project by each of the providers of those funds and the amount provided.

6. The expected uses of all funds by activity and amount.

A public workshop on Fair Housing will also be conducted for interested officials and the general public.

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Local Obituaries May 13, 1999

Ruth Lee Boris, 82, died Sunday, May 9 in West Palm Beach. Mrs. Boris was born in Moultrie to the late Samuel W. & Sally Hunter Gay and had lived in Valdosta for many years before moving to West Palm Beach one year ago. She was of the Presbyterian faith.

Survivors include one daughter, Diana Strickland of Royal Palm Beach; four sons, Harvey L. Boris of Lake City, Fl., M. Nick Boris of Blountstown, Sam Boris of Pahokee and George Boris of Valdosta. She is also survived by a sister, Louise Massey of Valdosta, 16 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Boris were held on Tuesday, May 11 in the chapel of Carson McLane Funeral Home, Rev. Ronnie Brogdon officiated. Burial followed at Sunset Hill Cemetery. The family received friends on Monday evening at the funeral home. Carson McLane Funeral Home is serving the Boris family. In lieu of flowers, donations were made to Hospice.



Ms. Monica Martin Best was chosen the C. L. Brumback Health Center's Employee of the Quarter. She has been employed at the health center as a nurse for 24 years. Ms. Best is a mother and grandmother and has love for people. Her motto to live by: Pass The Love On!

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Social News

Xi Iota Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi
The Xi Iota Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its 309th business meeting on April 7 at the home of Leigh Woodham. Besides usual chapter business, several community activities were announced and discussed.

Several recent events including the Women's Retreat at the Dolly Hand, Founder's Day at the Drawbridge Cafe and the Black Gold Jubilee involved all three chapter members.

Also during this meeting the Ritual of Jewels ceremony was conducted by Vice President Mich Corbin for new members Debbie Raulerson and Debbie Williams who were officially welcomed into the chapter.

On May 1 several members joined other sisters in Beta Sigma Phi at the annual Founder's Day luncheon sponsored this year by Nu Kappa.

All attending agreed the luncheon was a lovely affair, complete with door prizes, recognition of the various chapters' Girls of the Year and an accounting of chapters' activities and accomplishments.

Xi Iota Alpha was particularly proud of Leigh Woodham's presentation for the chapter which was done in song.

On May 4, the last regular meeting of the sorority year was held at President Vera Robinson's.

At this time the officers for the upcoming year were installed. President, Vera Robinson; Vice President, Mich Corbin; Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Rosemary Buchanan, Treasurer, Jeanelle Meredith and Extension Officer, Karen McCarthy. A few committee chairs were also appointed.

The last social for the season will be a brunch held on May 22 at Mich Corbin's in honor of secret sisters. Gifts are to be exchanged and names revealed for the past year.

Looking forward, members began discussing arrangements for next year's Founder's Day, which will be sponsored by Xi Iota Alpha and set the Beginning Day for the chapter on August 28.

Upon closing, members discussed summer plans and recalled a satisfying and pleasant past year.

Christian Retreat holds recording session

Rod Demers, well-known area Christian musician, worship leader, songwriter and performer will be in his sixth concert at the Christian Retreat on Saturday, May 15 at 7 p.m.

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Cristina Lockhart, a senior at Glades Day School, signs a volleyball scholarship with Indian River Community College. Pictured are: Headmaster Mandy Perez, Cristina's grandfather, Ernest Batista, mother, Mary Douglas and GDS Coach Gary Slade.

Local student receives volleyball scholarship

Cristina Lockhart, a senior at Glades Day School in Belle Glade, has been offered a volleyball scholarship to Indian River Community in Vero Beach.

Ms. Lockhart, who received the MVP award for the 1998 season, was named to the Palm Beach Post's All Area First Team in her senior year.

She made the all Area Second Team as a junior.

A three-year player, Ms. Lockhart took over a starting role midway through her sophomore year and started every match throughout her junior and senior years, according to Head Coach Gary Slade.

"Christina led the team in kills (189) and blocks (47) this year," said Coach Slade, who also named her as team captain.

"She was also the second leading server on the team. I'm very happy for her to have this opportunity to play volleyball at the college level. She should be a good asset to Indian River's program."

Ms. Lockhart, a varsity basketball and softball player at GDS, also plays club volleyball for the "Club for U," in West Palm Beach, an elite travel team for 18-year olds.

She has traveled to tournaments all over the United States this spring, including Minnesota and Colorado

Resident receives IMPAC Award

Mrs. Sandra Levern Williams-Brown was a recipient of the IMPAC Award (Individuals Making Personal and Academic contributions) at the awards ceremony held April 11 at the Boca Raton Marriott.

The award ceremony was established in 1988 by the Office of Minority Student Services and Pan African Student Association to recognize individuals and organizations who have contributed to the development and lives of minority students as they matriculate through programs at Florida Atlantic University.

The IMPAC Awards also recognizes outstanding academic achievement and graduating minority students.

Mrs. Brown graduated from Florida Atlantic University (FAU) April 30 1999.

She received a B.S.W. degree in Social Work.

Mrs. Brown has been employed with the Department of Health for 23 years.

She would like to thank her husband, Tom, daughter, Mirasha and family and friends who were instrumental in her achieving this goal.

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Grove Elementary students raised \$3,500 during a recently "Walk to the Beat" walk-a-thon held at the school on May 7. The walk-a-thon, sponsored by Grove Elementary's PTO, raised the money to buy 30 violins for the Music Department. The PTO would like to thank the parents and the community members for their donations and their continued support of the school and the Music Department.

Island Aces Junior Tennis Program second "Free Lesson Blitz" a success

On Saturday, May 1, the Island Aces Junior Tennis program performed the second in a series of three Free Tennis lessons at the Glades Central tennis courts. The Free Lesson Blitz was a huge success, much like the previous one held April 12.

Participants included youths from Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee and a special thanks went to Kenneth Funderburke, youth coordinator for the Belle Glade Boys & Girls Club.

Island Aces will offer summer session starting in June

for students from kindergarten to 12th grades.

They will also offer summer tennis lessons in a four week session for \$32.

For more information contact the Boys & Girls Club or call Maurice Wright at 792-1441 for summer lessons.

Pahokee student in Law of Life Essay Contest

Twenty-five finalists out of 9,300 entrants from students in 18 different Palm Beach County high schools were awarded cash prizes or scholarships during the 3rd annual Palm Beach County Laws of Life Essay Contest Banquet.

The Grand Prize Winner, Stephanie Perales, won a four-year scholarship to Northwood University along with \$1,500 in cash at the dinner banquet which was held at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach on April 21.

Five high school runners-up won annual renewable half-tuition scholarships along with cash prizes.

Runner-up winners included Reson L. Konchellah of Glades Central High School.

The 19 finalists from Palm Beach County high schools included Anthony Burgess of Pahokee Middle/Senior High School.

All 25 Palm Beach County Finalist had their essays published in *Turning Points*, Volume 3, and received promotional *Laws of Life* T-shirts from Star Group International, a local public relations and marketing firm.

The Palm Beach County laws of Life Essay Contest is sponsored by Northwood University, the Palm Beach Round Table and Quantum Foundation.

The contest began in Tennessee in 1987 by Sir

John Templeton, the "father of global investing", and is held in over 60 locations throughout the country.

Last week *The Sun* ran the essay of runner-up Reson Konchellah of Glades Central High School.

This week we are proud to run the essay submitted by Anthony Burgess a junior at Pahokee Middle/Senior High School.

The essay is entitled "Children Need Models More Than Critics" as follows:

Growing up as a young black male in the small town of Pahokee, everyone expected me to continue down the same path all the other young men in the city took.

Raised in the heart of the ghetto without a father figure to look up to and a teenage mother, I was destined to be selling or doing drugs, in jail, with a child, or dead, all by the age of 17.

People's expectations of me changed around the seventh grade entering Pahokee Middle/Senior High School.

There I met a teacher who saw a determined, well disciplined, smart young man who was trying to go down the same path so many thought he would, but, if she had anything to do with it, she would make sure he wouldn't.

She talked to me con-

stantly of how unique I was, of how all the black young men whom I grew up with and went to school with were out on the corners doing drugs, or in jail while they should be in school getting their education.

These inspirational words by this concerned teacher inspired me greatly. It was then I started to think about my future as a black male in this degrading society - that I had a chance to make it out of Pahokee, go to college and make something of myself. This determined educator stayed with me all though my high school years counseling me through the tough times and congratulating me through the good ones. Her motivational talks made a difference. By my junior year I soared to the top ten percentile of my class from the very bottom during my middle school years. Now, I am trying to decide which university I want to attend in the fall of 2000.



ANTHONY BURGESS

Local School News



Glades Day School Gator Tales

Tomorrow marks the last full day of school for the Class of 1999 and what better way to spend it than participating in Field Day activities? Students in grades 7-12 will compete against each other in games such as softball, basketball and football and also non-athletic activities for the less daring but yet competitive students. It should be a fun day for all.

Although they won't be having anymore classes after this week, the seniors will still be busy over the next couple of weeks until graduation on May 28. They will take final exams next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and then will come rehearsals and pictures for commencement exercises. Outstanding seniors will also be honored during Senior Class Night on Tuesday, May 25.

The annual Spring Sports awards program will be held tonight beginning at 7 p.m. in Tripp Hall. Athletes in baseball, softball, golf and tennis will be honored and recognized for their athletic achievements. Unfortunately, due to limited seating, only athletes and their parents are invited to the program. But, well let you know who got what in next week's Gator Tales!

Congratulations to the elementary students on a superb performance of the Free Grease last weekend! The actors, who are students in grades 4-6, displayed their fine singing talents in addition to acting and dancing. They played to a standing room only crowd last Friday evening and then had an encore performance for the elementary students and faculty Monday morning. Hats off to director Mr. Michael Strauss and all of those who participated!

Spring football practice has begun and the players are sweating it out on the field in preparation for the Spring Jamboree. They will also compete in the annual Green and Gold football game to be held next Thursday, May 20, along with a BBQ dinner in Tripp Hall. The BBQ starts at 4:30 p.m. followed by the game at 7 p.m. Come and preview the 1999 football team.

Yarines Ocasio receives United States National Award

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Yarines Ocasio from Pahokee has been named a United States National

this national award by Edward D. Wright, a teacher at the school.

Yarines will appear in the United States Achievement Academy official yearbook, which is published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy.

The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Yarines is the daughter of Enaida and German Ocasio. The grandparents are Ruben and Iris of Mayaguez, P.R. and Providencia and Alejandro of Mayaguez, P.R.

Yarines is now qualified as a candidate who can apply for one of the USAA College scholarships.

The Academy Scholarship committee grants awards each year and only outstanding achievers such as Yarines can be invited to apply for one of these scholarships.



Yarines Ocasio



Grove Elementary students receiving a treat after participating in the Walk to the Beat walk-a-thon program at the school. They collected over \$3,500 and will purchase 30 violins for the Music Department.

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